

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Department of Political Science
POSC 381: Sex, Power, and Politics
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TTh 9:30 – 10:50 am, VKC 101

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This course examines politics in the United States within the context of sex and power. The learning goals for this course include factual mastery of the material, effective oral and written communication, and enhanced critical thinking and analytical reasoning.

I. Required readings

There are 3 required books available for purchase at the USC bookstore.

Collins, Patricia Hill, and Sirma Bilge. 2016. *Intersectionality* (Polity Press).

Lawless, Jennifer L., and Richard L. Fox. 2010. *It Still Takes A Candidate: Why Women Don't Run for Office*, revised edition (Cambridge University Press).

Rudman, Laurie A., and Peter Glick. 2010. *The Social Psychology of Gender: How Power and Intimacy Shape Gender Relations* (Guilford Press).

II. Course Requirements

Final grades will be computed on the basis of the following distribution:

examination #1	25%
examination #2	25%
paper	25%
group project presentation	15%
class participation	10%

Students are expected to complete the required reading for each class meeting and be ready to discuss the material. Class attendance counts toward the participation grade. No unexcused make-ups for the examination will be given. Late assignments and papers will not be accepted. Academic policies set forth by the university as per the student guidebook (<http://scampus.usc.edu/academic-policies/>) apply to this course. See also the USC Dornsife statement on academic conduct and support systems (<https://dornsife.usc.edu/ase/statement-on-academic-conduct-and-support-systems/>).

III. Course Outline and Assignments

Day	Date	Class topic	Reading	Assignment
T	1/9	Introduction to the course		
Th	1/11	Approaches to gender	Rudman 1	
T	1/16	Patriarchy and sexism	Rudman 2	
Th	1/18	Gender and development	Rudman 3	
T	1/23	Gender stereotypes	Rudman 4, 5	
Th	1/25	Political consequences of stereotypes	Rudman 6, 7	
T	1/30	Gender at work	Rudman 8	
Th	2/1	Gender and intimate relationships	Rudman 9, 10	
T	2/6	Sex, power, and politics	Rudman 11	
Th	2/8	Study day – no class	Rudman 12	
T	2/13	Examination #1		
Th	2/15	Gender and electoral politics	Lawless 1, 2	
T	2/20	Gender gap in political ambition	Lawless 3	
Th	2/22	Political representation and gender	Lawless 4	
T	2/27	Recruiting women to run for office	Lawless 5	
Th	3/1	Group project work day		
T	3/6	Women candidates for office	Lawless 6	
Th	3/8	Future of women in U.S. politics	Lawless 7, 8	
T	3/13	Spring break – no class		
Th	3/15	Spring break – no class		
T	3/20	Group project work day		
Th	3/22	Group presentations		
T	3/27	Group presentations		
Th	3/29	Paper work day – no class		Papers due 5 pm
T	4/3	Intersectionality	Collins 1	
Th	4/5	Critical inquiry and politics	Collins 2	
T	4/10	History of intersectionality	Collins 3	
Th	4/12	Identity and intersectionality	Collins 4, 5	
T	4/17	Political protest and intersectionality	Collins 6	
Th	4/19	No class	Collins 7	
T	4/24	Intersectionality and politics	Collins 8	
Th	4/26	Examination #2		